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1. IN JANUARY 24 TRIPARTITE MEETING, US BONN GROUP
REP ASKED UK REP (HITCH) WHETHER ABRASIMOV RESPONSE,
REPORTED IN PARA 7, REF (A), TO ALLIED PROPOSAL
CONCERNING HESS SHOULD BE DESCRIBED AS A PRELIMINARY
OR DEFINITIVE TURNDOWN.

2. HITCH TERMED THE ABRASIMOV REPLY A "FAIRLY STRONG
TURNDOWN." HE ADDED THAT THE WRIGHT-ABRASIMOV
LUNCHEON WAS PERHAPS NOT A COMPLETELY AUSPICIOUS
OCCASION FOR THE ALLIED PROPOSAL AS, EARLIER IN THE
CONVERSATION, ABRASIMOV, POINTING TO HIS
BYELORUSSIAN ORIGINS, HAD SAID THAT OF THE TWELVE
MILLION MILITARY-AGE MALES IN BYELORUSSIA IN 1941,
TWO AND A HALF MILLION WERE "UNDER THE GROUND" IN 1945.

3. HITCH ADDED THAT, DESPITE ABRASIMOV'S NEGATIVE
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REACTION, WRIGHT HAD HANDED OVER THE PAPER, CALLED
FOR IN PARA 3, REF D, LAYING OUT THE PRACTICAL
ARRANGEMENTS AND ANTICIPATED CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IF
THE 1970 AGREEMENT ON THE DISPOSITION OF HESS'
REMAINS WERE TO BE MODIFIED ACCORDING TO THE ALLIED
PROPOSAL.

4. COMMENT: THE ALLIED PROPOSAL IS, AT LEAST
TECHNICALLY, ON THE TABLE. AS ABRASIMOV MADE NO
COMMITMENT TO RESPOND MORE FULLY AFTER HE HAD STUDIED
THE PROPOSAL, THE NEXT STEP MIGHT BE TO WAIT A
DECENT INTERVAL AND THEN TRY A FOLLOW-UP AT THE
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